KELLER'S SECRETARY GONE.

EXPERTS AT THE REV. CHARLES A. ALDEN'S BOOKS.

He Was Treasurer of the Charities Department and Custodian of the Attmony Fund-Last Heard Of on Saturday at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles A. Alden, private secretary to John W. Keller, Commissioner of Charities, has been missing from the department and from his house, 129 East Ninety-third street, since Saturday, when went to Philadelphia. Commissioner Keller has asked the police of this city and Philadelphia to find him and two expert accountants were set to work yesterday on Alden's books.

These steps were not taken until after Commissioner Keller had made a casual examination of the books himself and had been to the Astor Place Bank, where lden had his department accounts. The missing man was under \$3,000 bonds

the department money in his custody at av one time, Mr. Keller says. Alden, who is 34 years old, got his job the Charities Department as a reward for his services as a Tammany spellbinder n the city campaign of 1897. In 1896 he had lost his place as a Congregational

He never had more than that amount of

minister in Schenectady by preaching for He was appointed by Commissioner Keller on June 3, 1898. His salary was \$2.136 a year. He lives in a private house East Ninety-third street, the rent of which is \$500 a year, but he shared that expense until recently with his brother. John Alden of the Brooklyn Eagle, who ived there with his wife, Cynthia Westover Alden, once private secretary to Hans S. Beattie, Street Cleaning Commissioner. Charles A. Alden has one other brother. the Rev. E M. Alden, and W. L. Alden of

Harpers is a relative. According to information received yesby Mrs. Alden and Commissioner Alden registered at the Hotel Walton Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon and went away immediately leaving his grip in his room. He has not been at the hotel

despatch from Philadelphia does not A despatch from Philadelphia does not ally exactly with this statement. It says hat Charles A. Alden remained at the lotel Walton from Saturday to Wednes-lay, when he paid his bill and went away. The despatch says that Alden directed his bargage be sent to the Baltimore

issioner Keller, that he was going to Philadelphia on department business. That was not the case. He has made several trips to Philadelphia and in each case his wife has thought that it was de-partment business that called him there. 1 don't assume for an instant," said an absconder. I wouldn't say anything that effect and have to take it back to-If he should come back and put money in the bank there would be nothing more than an irregularity."
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Those were offices created by the reform dministration," said Commissioner Keller ofter there had been a lot of trouble and to defalcations in the Bureau of Outdoor or. I continued them and put Alden charge of the two accounts. The money ually handled by any one in the depart-nt is trivial. As Treasurer Alden reived the money paid to us for old iron

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Sanford Austin, the Central-Hudson engineer, now retired and residing in Amsterdam. In the Presidential campaign of 1896 Mr. Alden preached a series of political sermons, which finally became speeches for Bryan. Certain members of his congregation protested with such vigor that he residented

Certain members of his congregation protested with such vigor that he resigned and went on the political platform for Bryan. After Bryan's defeat, Mr. Alden went to the home of his mother's people in Montague, Mass. where he had charge of a church for about a year, varying his pastoral duties by acting as a book agent. In the fall of 1897 he made speeches for the Tammany ticket in New York and in 1898 got his job as Keller's private secretary Mr. Alden and his wife were in Schenectady for Thanksgiving and only last week Mrs. Philip Herzog, a friend in this city, received a letter from Mrs. Alden in which she said her husband was well, save for a she said her husband was well, save for a

FLARE OF GAS FROM THE TUNNEL. Blast Broke a Main and a Lamplighter

Did the Rest-Blaze 20 Feet High. A blast in the tunnel excavation at Sixtyfourth street and Broadway at 4.15 yesterday afternoon broke a 6-inch gas main. The escaping gas filled the air, and when a lamplighter came along a few minutes later and tried to light the gas at the northeast corner of Sixty-fourth street and Broadway a sheet of flame shot up from the end of his torch down into the excavation,

feet high shot into the air. An alarm of fire was turned in, and the Consolidated Gas Company, whose main had been broken, was notified. The firemen kept a single stream on the burning gas, while the gas folks tried to get at the main a little east of Broadway on Sixty-fourth

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a little east of Broadway on Sixty-fourth street and also on Broadway, just south of the break. They bored holes in the main at these points and tried to stop the flow of gas by inserting air bags, which are blown up after they are put into a main. The air bags reduced the supply of gas so that a workman could get down into the excavation where the flare had been and pile clay around the break. At 7 o'clock the flow of gas was stopped entirely.

Angelo Piso, an Italian laborer, who was standing near the excavation when the gas became ignited, was badly burned about the face and head. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. It was said that the lamplighter was also burned, but he didn't apply to the police for help. When last seen he was making tracks up Broadway, a badly scared man. William Bradley, the contractor whose men set off the blast, said last night that he couldn't understand the breaking of the main. He has been blasting in the section for months, he said, and had not had an accident before.

\$500 IN 1869, \$80,000 NOW.

Mr. Tunis Sells His Stock Exchange Seat at a Considerable Advance.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold yesterday for \$80 000. The seller, it was reported, was W. E. Tunis, who has been a member of the exchange since May 8, 1869. In those days Stock Exchange seats cost about \$500 each. The buyer was understood to be Henry E. Montgomery of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange.

A good many members of the Consolidated Exchange have bought seats on the Stock Exchange and have been very suc-When asked if there had been any such When asked if there had been any such irregularity, the Commissioner replied: "I will make no statement until I get a full report from the experts. Alden has taken his bank book with him; at any rate, we can't find it."

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the Consolidated Exchange at the present time has quite a list of prominent Wall Street men and bankers who have been members for years, their memberships in some instances dating from the old days when this exchange was the centre for the petroleum speculation of the country. Among the present members are Henry H.Rogers of the Standard Oil Company Anthony N. Brady, Senetor W. A. Clark and R. L. Edwards, President of the Bank

of the State of New York.

There was an unconfirmed Wall Street report yesterday that Edward Roseh, a son of the shipbuilder, was negotiating for the purchase of a New York Stock Exchange sent at \$80,000.

CENSORSHIP OF THE DRAMA.

Bill to Be introduced at Albany for the Suppression of Immoral Plays.

ALBANY, Dec. 26 - A State censorship of the drama and the suppression of such plays as "Sapho" and "Zaza" are the objects simed at by a bill drafted for introduction in the State Legislature by Assemblyman John F. Ahern of Troy. Mr. Ahern is a Republican, has been a stove polisher all his life, and was born in N-w York city in 1859. In the Assembly he has been a member of the committees on Public Instruction and State Prisons. The next accesion will be his third term of service in the Legislature. His bill provides for the suppression of immoral plays through State censorship, and the licensing of actors and notresses.

The Governor is to appoint a State board of three persons, who shall have had at ions: ten years experience in the profession. calling or employment of acting. The board shall meet at stated intervals in the cities of the State and examine all persons desiring or intending to engage in the protrusten of setting, to determine their firmes and qualification to laune annual certificates of competency and to collect from each person \$10 for each examination After him 1, 1902, it shad not be nowful for any potent to compare in the calling of poting things each person shall have obtained a contribute of competency from the desiral of a south core.

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"THIS FELLOW!" SAYS CROKER

HE MEANS THE HON. PERRY BELMONT, AND IT'S SAD.

Says Mr. Belmont Offered to Deny Authenticity of Belmont Attacks on Croker -Puglist Ought to Fight Squarely, Says Belmont -Bunch of Protests.

Squire Croker and Perry Belmont coninued yesterday to say unpleasant things about each other, and to intimate that within a few days they would do some-thing desperate. Mr. Belmont has called for specifications from Mr. Croker to back up the statement made by the Tammany leader, that if he had not interfered in regard to the Tammany nomination for Congress in the Seventh district the Grand Jury would have interfered. Mr. Croker said last evening that he had not the specifications at hand, but that he expected to have them to-day or to-morrow. Then Mr. Croker said:

"Why, to show you what kind of a man this fellow Belmont is, when he came up here first, asking for my support for this nomination, I said to him: 'Haven't you got a pretty good nerve to come around here and ask for my indorsement after the letters you have written attacking me?' Belmont said: 'I have written no letters attacking you.' I said: 'Why, I've seen the letters. Your signature is attached to them.' Belmont said: 'Well, I'll deny that I signed them ' I understood him to mean that if he got the nomination he would deny that he had ever written or said anything attacking me. That's the sort of a man this Belmont is. That's what he was willing to do. I've seen the letters. I'll have all the information about Mr. Belmont to-morrow or next day. I haven't got it at hand just now."

Mr. Belmont was very angry all day yesterday. In the first place he said that it was true, as printed in one of the morning papers, that he had given a painting to Eddie Muller, the son of Nicholas Muller, whose resignation from Congress created the vacancy which Mr. Belmont and two other Tammany men are all striving to fill. Mr. Belmont said that he had given a picture to Mr. Muller, but that it was a very small picture and that the incident was really of not much account.

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"It is useless for me to repeat that what Mr. Croker says is not true," said Mr. Belmont. "My mistake lay in believing that he could ever tell the truth in a matter of this kind. I had thought that his pugilistic training would at least have taught him to fight squarely and in the open. Well, perhaps, I should not have said that." "Mr. Croker says that he has some facts "Mr. Croker says that he has some facts which if published would put you out of the race, Mr. Belmont," said a reporter. "Let him come out with them," replied Let him come out with them, replie Belmont. "I am ready for Mr. Croker. Mr. Belmont had a conference with Senator Joseph P. Hennessey about filing the protest against the nomination of Councilman Joe T. O'Grady, and later in the day the protest was filed with the elections commissioners by Mr. Hennessey. It said that the Belmont convention was the only segular. Democratic conventions. that the Belmont convention was the only regular Democratic convention. Previous to the appearance of this protest at the office of the commission, Col. As Bird Gardiner, who is helping Joe O'Grady, the Murphy candidate, in his efforts to keep Mr. Belmont's name off the ticket, went to the board and filed protests against the Belmont nomination and also the nom-

the Belmont nomination and also the nom-ination of Fritz Lindinger, who is running as an Independent Democrat as a nominee by petition. Col. Gardiner sets forth that the Belmont convention was not a lawful convention and that Lindinger's petition morrow morning at 9 o'clock to consi all the protests and all the certificates of nomination. The Lindinger nomination by petition is said to be perfectly legal and will probably be allowed to stand. Republican County Committee protests that both of the contestants for the regular Tammany nomination should be thrown out of court because no legal call for a primary was sent out in Richmond county. In any event the courts will be appealed to

In any event the courts will be appeared to by any rejected candidate.

As soon as Mr, Croker has finished up the Belmont difficulty he will appeal to the Staten Islanders to turn Nick Muller down as leader of the Democrats in the borough of Richmond. Mr Croker has hesitated for some time before deciding to do this. out Councilman Cassidy as the leader of the Democrats of Queens, and the opposi-tion of the Democrats over there to Tammany domination is so intense that they have made Mr. Cassidy President of the Borough. The election of Cassidy was one of the hardest blows Squ're Croker ever received in the administration of the internal affairs of the Democratic party. Mr. Mul-ler's friends in Staten Island say that his strength will be greatly increased over there if Squire Croker fights him Montague Lessler, the Republican candidate for Congress, is making a personal canvass of the district, and all of the leaders are assisting that with the Democracy divided as it is they will be able to each Mr. Lessler if the Republican voters will be to be to the total of the real of the real

DOUBLE-PACED BANK NOTE

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CHICAGO, Dec. 26 A freak \$50 bank note spined W. H. Adams to mise his Christmas dinner yesterslay. Mr. Adams is a member of the firm of Adams & Smith. deglers in stocks and bonds. On Tuesday night, when the nashier tried to balance his Adams took it upon himself to try to find the charter. He work to the office carry in the mothing and cheen the entire day in nominating the money and charactering the boson Lake in the afternoon by found a bill when

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GOV. SHAW MADE OIL STRIKE? THURSTON IN DEVERY'S PLACE Story in Texas That He Made \$800,000 in the Beaumont Field

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 26.-Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, who has been selected for Secretary of the Treasury by the President, is another person who has made a big fortune out of the Beaumont oil discovery. Gov. Shaw was one of the pioneers in the development of the rice growing industry in western Louisiana and eastern Texas. Through the efforts of Gov Shaw and associates large tracts of rice lands around Orange and Beaumont, Tex., were developed by Iowa colonists, and when the oil discovery was made at Reaumont ten months ago they guickly profited by the increased value of their lands, which doubled many times

within a few weeks. In addition to his wealth derived from this rapid increase in the value of his lands, Gov. Shaw is actively interested in several large oil companies which are operating extensively in the Beaumont fields. It was said here to-day by men who know about Gov. Shaw's holdings around Beaumont that the oil discovery has brought him a fortune of not less than \$800,000. He had the good fortune to be in on the ground floor, so far as owning prospective oil lands in that district was concerned.

CARNEGIE GIFT TO COLUMBIA?

Newspaper Story Names a Seven-Pigure Sum-Mr. Carnegie Is Saying Nothing. The Brooklyn Eagle, whose editor is connected more or less with educational circles. published yesterday on what was said to be good authority, a story that Andrew Carnegie has offered a fund, stated indefinitely in seven figures, to Columb'a University. Nicholas Murray Butler, who may succeed to Mayor-elect Low's place as President of the university, the paper said, was credited with procuring Mr. Carnegie's reported generosity.

When a clipping of the story was shown Mr. Butler last evening he guessed right away that it was from the Eagle. Mr. Butler was too considerate to deny the story and too modest to verify it. "I have story and too modest to verify it. "I have no statement to make," he said. "no statement whatever; I can make no statement

Can you tell me who else would be likely to have information as to such a gift if there is such a one?" I don't think you'll be able to get any

information. The use to which the Carnegie fund, if it materializes, is to be put yesterday's story did not reveal. Mr. Carnegie has not hereofore given money to any existing Ameri-an university. Columbia's library being in part a public institution, it is possible that the money might be for use in con-nection with a library scheme. Mr. Car-negie had nothing to say last evening. Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Butler took iuncheon with the President in Washington several days ago

MURDERED MAN UNDER THE ICE? Body of Carl Johansen Found in the Hoboken Meadows.

The body of a man was found yesterday afternoon under the ice in the meadow section of Hoboken, at Monroe and Ninth streets. In the pockets were a handkerchief with the letter "C" sewed on it and a piece of paper on which was written in pencil, "529 Lorimer street, Williamsburg," Late last night Jens Jensen of 316 Clinton street, Hoboken, identified the body as that of Carl Johansen, a Norwagian, who has been six months in this country. He was a laborer in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Tenth street. Hoboken, and took his meals at Jensen's mother's house. On Dec. 18 the Hoboken police were notified that Benjamin Torreson of 529 Lorimer street, Williamsburg, had been missing since the 15th. They learned that he was last seen with Johansen on that night in Hoboken and that both were intoxicated.

Jensen told a Sux reporter last night
that Johansen had a quarrel with a man named Peter Thorn, who lives at 62 Waverly street, Jersey City. Thorn has left there and gone to Brooklyn. The police say

y can find him at any time. The writing on an envelope found in pocket of the dead man is in Norwegian. The translation is: "In the crown of mem-ory I find a flower that reminds me of lovely faithfulness in joy and gladness, in sorrow and sadness. Bertha S is its name." of the envelope.

CRUSHED BY SWITCH ENGINE. Rallway Official and Lawyer, Fearing Col-

itsion, Jumped to Death. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26. John W. Taylor, chief engineer of the Merchants' Terminal Enliway Association, and William A. Kent. of Laureville, Ky., were instantly killed this afternoon by a Wabash switch engine. Accompanied by half a dozen other railroad men they had taken an automobile track car to run out to the World's Fair site to

inspect the best lines.

On returning, when they reached the crossing at Marcus avenue and Warren street, they saw a Wabash switch engine approaching, running at the rate of about test miles an hour, as was the car on which they were ching. Berney Frauenthal, believing that he could cross in safety isduce the engine came, let the auto go at full speed.

Mark Ewing, an attorney for the Terminal hallway became alarmed and jumped off the car, landing beside the track. Taylor and heat followed him, but landed imme-diately between the mile and before they could get off the track the engine was upon them and they were crushed to death be-mark the fire land.

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22D'S LIEUT.-COLONEL NAMED AS COL. PARTRIDGE'S CHOICE.

Official Announcement -Mr. Thurston Is Ordnance Officer on Major-Gen. Roe's Staff-Has Been Inspector of Drill Practice at the State Camp.

Nathaniel Blunt Thurston, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Twenty-Second Regiment and Ordnance Officer and Inspector of Small Arms Practice on Major-General Roe's staff, had an interview yesterday with Col. John N. Partridge, who is to be Mayor Low's Police Commissioner. The report promptly got abroad that Lieut.-Col. Thurston will be named as First Deputy Commissioner of Police in succession to William S. Devery. The report was generally accepted as true by those familiar with Mr. Low's intentions.

A Sun reporter saw Lieut-Col. Thurston at 2 o'clock this morning and he admitted having had the interview with Col. Partridge, but said that no formal offer of the post had yet been made. Futrher than that, he said, he was unwilling to discuss the matter. Lieut.-Col. Thurston was born in 1856.

He joined the Twenty-second as a private in Company E in 1877, became Captain in 1886. Major in 1898 and Lieutenant-Colonel in 1898. He has been inspector of drill practice at the State

The newspapers have noted an encounter Col. Thurston had with a policeman in 1599 which gives an idea of his notion of one function of a policeman. He had met with an accident which kept him on crutches for some time. On May 31 he got off a cable car at Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, and tried to cross the tracks. So many cars were passing that in his crippled condition he was not able to dodge them.

Policeman Philip J. Feldman stood at the junction of the tracks and did not offer to aid him. Col. Thurston wrote a letter to Col. Kip, chief clerk of the Police Department, describing the incident, and after Inspector Thompson had investigated it Feldman was transferred by Chief Devery, under orders from the board, to the Mercer street station. Feldman said

that he did not see Col Thurston. Mayor-elect Low had a talk yesterday with Col. Partridge about the men who are to be the deputies under Col. Partridge, and at the end of their interview each of them said that he had no statement to make for publication on this subject.

COURT LETS DEVERY GO FREE. Finds Him Not Guilty of Oppressing Oneill -Protest Against Removal Ready.

Justice Holbrook of the Special Sessions has dismissed the charges of oppression and neglect of duty against Deputy Police Commissioner Devery, arising out, of his trial at Police Headquarters of Policeman Edward Oneill. Because the fine of thirty days' pay which Devery said he would impose on Oneill was never levied, Justice Holbrook says the crime of oppression has not been made out. As to whether Oneill notified Devery that he wished to call witnesses in his own behalf, the Justice . ys packages. Nearly 200 were received. the testimony was conflicting.

"Oneill, by his own admissions," said Justice Holbrook, "was seriously discredited. While on the force he had previously been tried by different Commissioners, including the present President of the United States and one of the present Justices of the Supreme Court of this country, on ten or eleven separate charges, on all of which he was convicted, and all of which convictions he claims were unjust, notwithstanding he pleaded guilty to many of them. Such reckless testimony, such unwarranted accusations against the highest and most honest, reputable and distinguished offi-

cials, indicates a deprayed mind."

Justice Holbrook says that Devery was a German steamer, having not guilty of neglect of duty even if he atlantic passage in a box. not guilty of neglect of duty even if he did deny Oneill permission to call witnesses. He quotes Justice O'Gorman of the Supreme Court to sustain this opinion. No conviction of neglect of official duty, said Justice Holbrook, could legally stand upon the people's charge that the reprimand inflicted by Devery upon Oneill for arresting a man for Sabbath breaking was tantamount to an instruction not was tantamount to an instruction not to enforce the Sunday law and that Devery in issuing the reprimand was guilty of official neglect of duty. "But," he said. the language and conduct of the trial Commissioner in administering the repriand he did was indecorous and offensive Counsel for the Deputy Commissioner have prepared a formal protest to be presented by Devery to Col. Fartridge, the new Police Commissioner, next. Thursday. To Col. Partridge Devery will say day To Col. Partridge Devery will say that the act by which his office of Chief was abolished was unconstitutional and that he is therefore still Chief in fact and entitled to his salary of \$6.000 a year. Devery is trying to have the law declared unconstitutional and to get his old place back. He has refused so far to accept a penny of his \$4.000 pay as Deputy Commissioner, and each month he has made a derivand

The understanding is that should Devery win his case he will be content to re-tire with his pseudon of \$1,000 a year and that he will make no attempt to assume the duties of Chief.

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SAMPSON'S CASE HOPELESS.

dmiral's Wife Says His Brain is Tired Beyond Ever Being Rested.

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 26.-John B. Weeks of Champaign, a personal friend of Admiral Sampson, has received a letter from Mrs. Sampson, in which she says that the mental condition of the Admiral is practically hopeless. The letter was written in reply to a note expressing sympathy with Admiral Sampson in the personal annoyance he has suffered in the contro-

over Admiral Schley. The letter

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1901. My DEAR MR. WEEKS: Admiral Sampson too ill to really understand your most kind letter, just received, but if he were well he would wish to thank you for it; he cares so much for times" and for anything that concerns Palmyra The wording of your letter shows that living in the West has not blinded your eyes to the truth concerning recent events. I have enjoyed your expression of the true facts as you understand them. My dear husband is quite worn out with a long life, consecrated to duty. Physically he is comfortable and happy, but the brain is tired beyond ever being rested. Sincerely, ELIZABETH BURLING SAMPSON.

POPE KNIGHTS J. D. CRIMMINS. Well-Known New York Contractor

Rechives a Panal Decoration. Pope Leo XIII., on the testimony of the Archbishop of New York, has by a mandate dated at the Vatican, Oct. 11, 1901, appointed | Exchange, the Bansas State Editorial John D. Crimmins a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, of

the Civil Class. The Order of St. Gregory the Great was founded by Pope Gregory XVI., and is conferred for zeal in religion and special acts of charity. The insignia is a golden octagonal cross with red top surface, the mage of St. Gregory the Great being placed in the centre. This is suspended from the neck by a golden yellow word with a red silk band at the extreme front. Full evening dress with a sword is worn.

In Continental countries wearers of the Order of Knightheed of St. Gregory the Great have the distinction of the title of

\$10,000 FOR BABY HANNA. Senator Sends a Check for That Amount for His Granddaughter.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- A check for \$10,000 was among the Christmas presents re na's baby, which was born recently at Cottage Hill their country home, near Ravenna. Senator Hanna, the child's grand-

father, sent the check. Christmas was a great day at Cottage Hill. Scores of gifts were received for the baby. The Ravenna express office never did such a holiday business, and the big increase was due to Baby Hanna's presence. Gifts began to arrive a week There were big and little packages by the dozen, all of them in boxes or wrapping which suggested that the contents were more valuable than those of ordinary

BOER ESCAPES IN A BOX. Has Himself Shipped From St. Helena as

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26.-A despatch from Ascension states that the steamer Goth landed there a Boer who had been a prisoner at St. Helena and who had escaped in a box which had been shipped as freight. The man was discovered in the box on board

the steamer during the passage The method employed by the Boer was imilar to that adopted by the man Beck who was recently landed at Hoboken from a German steamer, having made the trans-

"I'M NEW AT THIS," SAID THIEF. Therefore He Thought Victim Who Caught

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When the policeman searched the prisoner he found several skeleton keys, a chisel, wrapping paper and twine on him. The thief was well dressed and appeared intolligent. He said he was George Braun, 20 years old, living at the First avenue. He was taken to the Yorkville police court and held in \$2,000 bail for trial for burglary.

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COBURN OF KANSAS MAY BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

Announcement of His Probable Appointment Made in Omaha on Alleged Authority From His Home-Understanding Was That the Appointment of Gov.

Shaw Was Not to Affect Sec'y Wilson. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 26. - The Bee will print an announcement to-morrow morning, based on direct information of the family of F. D. Coburn, of Kansas, to the effect that the place of Secretary of Agriculture in President Roosevelt's Cabinet will be tendered to him. Mr. Coburn is serving his fourth term as Secretary of

the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Coburn only missed the appointment by a narrow margin when President McKinley's Cabinet was formed and his candidacy came into prominence again when Secretary Wilson's friends saw the impropriety of the Cabinet containing two members from such an overwhelmingly Republican State as Iowa

His appointment in this instance, it is said, will follow at ence upon the notice of Secretary Wilson's retirement. Among the indorsements of Mr. Coburn are personal letters from every Republican member of the Legislature of Kansas, and a resolution passed without regard to politica by the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association, the Oklahoma Stock Men's Association, the Kansas City Live Stock Association and the State Board of Agri-

culture. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. -If Secretary Wilson is to retire from the Department of Agriculture it will be contrary to the semiofficial announcement made at the time Gov. Shaw was asked to take the Secre-

taryship of the Treasury. Both Gov. Shaw and Mr. Wilson hall from Iowa, and it was to shut off speculation as to the prospective retirement of the latter that it was announced that

Mr. Wilson was not to leave the Cabinet The other members of the Cabinet also had this understanding, for they assured Secretary Wilson that he was to remain a member of the President's official family despite the fact that he and the new head of the Treasury Department were from the same State.

The gossip of the Cabinet makers here therefore, did not include Secretary Wilson in the probable changes.

ceived by Dan R. and Daisy Gordon Han- FATALLY SHOT BY A WOMAN. Fred Marshall of Virgola Dies of a Pistol Wound intended for Another.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Frederick Marshall of Strasburg, Va., died to-night at Garfield Hospital from a pistol wound received yesterday at the hands of Miss Lizzie Taylor of Strasburg. Marshall was a brakeman on the Southern Railroad and while on his way to Washington for treatwhile on his way to washington for dead ment he told his father that some days ago Miss Taylor had a dispute with the engineer of his train, with whom she was on friendly terms. Yesterday the three attended a meeting near Strasburg, where the quarrel between Miss Taylor and the engineer, whose name is not known here, was rename is not known here, was the woman finally drew a pis and shot at the engineer, but struck Mar

shall in the abdomen.
Dr. J. Ford Thompson of this city, who found that he had sustained thir-teen perforations of the intestines. He was struck with the similarity of all night in the hope of pulling him through Marshall informed his father that he was satisfied the shooting was entirely acci-dental. The police have no information from the Strasburg authorities with re

GOV. J. R. ROGERS DEAD. Populist Executive of Washington Will Be

Succeeded by Republican. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 26.-Gov. John Rankin Rogers died at 8 o'clock this evening. He was taken sick on Friday evening with a cold, which developed into pneumonia. Physicians from Tacoma and Scattle were summoned and yesterday be was prenounced better. At 11 o'clock

the sofa in his dining room yesterday afternoon heard some one walking about his bedroom. Thinking it was his wife, he stepped to the door to tell her that he was going out, and saw a young man ransacking the bureau drawers. The thief faught sight of the electrician's badge and evidently thought he was a policeman.

"Don't shoot, I surrender," cried the thief Paine found his watch chain in the intruder's pocket and sent for a policeman while waiting the young man begged to be released.

"Let me go and I'll give you all the stuff I have and two plunks of my own money, he said. "I'm new in this business and you oughter give me a show."

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